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SUBJ: LOS: INFORMAL EVENSEN MEETING IN GENEVA JAN 31 - FEB 4

FIRST DAY WRAP-UP

1. EVENSEN MEETING ON LOS COMMITTEE I MATTERS OPENED
JAN 31 WITH EVENSEN STRESSING THAT ALL COMMENTS WERE
REGARDED AS INFORMAL AND PERSONAL. HE
DISTRIBUTED TEXTS OF ARTICLES 22, 23 AND ANNEX ON SYSTEM OF
EXPLOITATION VIRTUALLY IDENTICAL TO THOSE WE RECEIVED
IN WASHINGTON JAN 21, BUT SAID HE ALSO THOUGHT THAT OTHER MATTERS
RELATED TO COMMITTEE I SUCH AS ARTICLE 9 AND STATUTE OF THE
ENTERPRISE MIGHT BE DISCUSSED. HE SAID TEXT HE PROVIDED WAS
INFORMAL ATTEMPT TO BEGIN TO BREAK DEADLOCK AND THAT HE
WOULD WELCOME COMMENTS FROM OTHER PARTICIPANTS TO ALLOW
HIM FURTHER REDRAFTING WORK PRIOR TO BEGINNING OF EB 28
MEETING OF COMMITTEE I.

2. IN GENERAL DISCUSSION WHICH FOLLOWED, US, USSR
AND UK REPS EMPHASIZED SYSTEM OF EXPLOITATION NEEDED TO BE
CONSIDERED BEFORE OTHER COMMITTEE I ISSUES INCLUDED, AND TOOK
GENERALLY CRITICAL ATTITUDE ON ARTICLE 22 TEXT WHICH WAS
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ONLY TEXT DISCUSSED IN FIRST DAY. US REP (BOERNER)
NOTED AT OUTSET APPOINTMENT OF AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON AND
SAID ALL LOS ISSUES NOW UNDER REVIEW IN WASHINGTON.
HENCE HIS COMMENTS MADE ON A HIGHLY PROVISIONAL BASIS.
A SYSTEM OF ASSURED ACCESS WAS CRITICAL TO SUCCESSFUL
OUTCOME FROM POINT OF VIEW OF US, HOWEVER, AND EVENSEN TEXT
DID NOT APPEAR TO MEET THIS TEST. HE ALSO STRESSED THAT RSNT

REMAINED BASIS FOR COMMITTEE I DISCUSSIONS, AND EVEN THIS NOT SATISFACTORY TO US.

3. SOV REP (ROMANOV) SAID RSNT WAS ONLY BASIS FOR DISCUSSION AND OBJECTED TO REFERENCE TO IT IN PAPERS DISTRIBUTED BY EVENSEN AS "ALTERNATIVE," FURTHERMORE, SO-CALLED "PARALLEL" SYSTEM OUTLINED IN EVENSEN TEXT WAS IN FACT NOT PARALLEL, SINCE ENTERPRISE FREE TO CONDUCT ACTIVITIES IN ITS HALF OF AREA WITH STATES LIMITED TO ACTIVITIES IN ASSOCIATION WITH AUTHORITY, WITH LATTER HAVING DISCRETION ON DEFINING THESE. UK REP (WOOD) EMPHASIZED THAT ASSURED ACCESS WAS THE CRITICAL ELEMENT AND IN THIS RESPECT LAST FALL'S LOS SESSION HAD BEEN A "DISASTER." THE POSITIONS OF THE SIDES WERE FURTHER APART THAN EVER. CRITICAL IN THIS RESPECT WAS THAT THE PARALLEL SYSTEM BE ACCEPTED AND THAT ONE HALF BE FULLY ACCESSIBLE TO STATES.

4. G-77 REPS (MAINLY PINTO OF SRI LANKA, ARIAS SCHREIBER OF PERU, CASTANADA OF MEXICO, BUT OTHERS AS WELL) DEMURRED IN ACCEPTING CONCEPT OF PARALLEL SYSTEM AND PINTO FLATLY STATED MANY STILL OPPOSED IT. FURTHERMORE, SYSTEM OF EXPLOITATION WAS ONLY PART OF SEABEDS QUESTION AND GRUP NEEDED TO EXAMINE ARTICLE 9 PRODUCTION LIMITATION AND FINANCING AND VIABILITY OF THE ENTERPRISE.

5. ADIO OF NIGERIA MADE CONFUSED PRESENTATION IN SUPPORT OF SINGLE ACCESS SYSTEM IN MORNING, AND THEN IN AFTERNOON REVERSED HIS POSITION. CANADA (LAPOINTE) GENERALLY UNHELPFUL IN DISCUSSION AND SPECIFICALLY SUPPORTED CONFIDENTIAL

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EXPANDING IT TO INCLUDE CONSIDERATION OF ISSUES OTHER THAN SYSTEM OF EXPLOITATION (READ ARTICLE 9).

6. DISCUSSION IN AFTERNOON CONCENTRATED SOLELY ON ARTICLE 22, WITH NO PARTICULAR RESULT. US REP MADE POINTS CONTAINED IN GUIDELINES AND OTHER PARTICIPANTS TOOK PREDICTABLE POSITIONS ON SPECIFIC POINTS. ARTICLE 23 AND ANNEX WILL BE DISCUSSED BEGINNING FEB 1.

7. AS A RESULT OF INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO MEETING WITH EVENSEN, HE AGREED TO LIMIT DISCUSSION ON PART IV (DISPUTE SETTLEMENT) TO ONE AND A HALF DAYS, THUS DOWNPLAYING IMPORTANCE OF THIS ISSUE AT CURRENT MEETING. CATTO

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